

**AMENDED CLAIMS**

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original claims 1-11 replaced by amended claims 1- 9(2 pages)]

- 1 1. A user scheduling apparatus for project management, comprising:
  - 2 a database that stores a project schedule, the project schedule containing at
  - 3 least one project task;
  - 4 an input device that receives user input data, said user input data related at
  - 5 least to a time to complete status of the at least one project task;
  - 6 an estimator that determines an estimated time of completion of the at least
  - 7 one project task;
  - 8 a project schedule modifier that generates an estimated time of completion
  - 9 schedule;
  - 10 a display apparatus that displays the project schedule and the estimated time
  - 11 of completion schedule simultaneously.
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- 13 2. The scheduling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the estimated time of
- 14 completion schedule and the project schedule are combined into a revised project
- 15 schedule.
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- 17 3. The scheduling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the estimator is at least one of a
- 18 suspended time estimator and a change of scope estimator.
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- 20 4. A computer program that customizes a project schedule, comprising the steps
- 21 of:
  - 22 retrieving from a database a project schedule, the project schedule containing
  - 23 at least one project task;
  - 24 receiving from an input device user input data, said user input data related at
  - 25 least to a time to complete status of the at least one project task;
  - 26 determining an estimated time of completion of the at least one project task
  - 27 based on the user input updates;
  - 28 generating an estimated time of completion schedule based on the project
  - 29 schedule and the estimated time of completion; and
  - 30 displaying on a display apparatus the project schedule and the estimated time

1 of completion schedule simultaneously.

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3 5. The computer program of claim 4, further comprising the step of combining  
4 the estimated time of completion schedule and the project schedule into a revised  
5 project schedule.

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7 6. The computer program of claim 4, wherein the estimated time of completion is  
8 determined by at least one of a suspended time estimator and a change of scope  
9 estimator.

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11 7. A project scheduling method for scheduling a project, comprising the steps of:  
12 retrieving from a database a project schedule, the project schedule containing  
13 at least one project task;

14 receiving from an input device user input data, said user input data related at  
15 least to a time to complete status of the at least one project task;

16 determining an estimated time of completion of the at least one project task  
17 based on the user input updates;

18 generating an estimated time of completion schedule based on the project  
19 schedule and the estimated time of completion; and

20 displaying on a display apparatus the project schedule and the estimated time  
21 of completion schedule simultaneously.

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23 8. The project scheduling method of claim 7, further comprising the step of  
24 combining the estimated time of completion schedule and the project schedule into a  
25 revised project schedule.

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27 9. The project scheduling method of claim 7, wherein the estimated time of  
28 completion is determined by at least one of a suspended time estimator and a  
29 change of scope estimator.